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## ***The Best Place***

March 22, 2019

Mr. Brendan Kelly  
Owner & General Manager Bayhawks  
1997 Annapolis Exchange Pkwy, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for briefing us Monday on your vision for Chesapeake Park at Crownsville Hospital Center.

I want to be clear about my administration's goals for the land in question so that you do not continue to invest in a project that will not come to fruition.

I have described Crownsville Hospital Center as the green heart at the center of our county, and as a place where addiction and mental health treatment can benefit from the healing power of nature. I don't see the plan you presented as compatible with that vision.

Anne Arundel County has a backlog of infrastructure needs, and our bonding authority has limits. Asking our taxpayers to stand behind \$278 million in bonds for this project would not be fiscally responsible. I won't do it.

Anne Arundel County has the luxury of being an attractive place for investment. We can be selective about the kinds of economic development that we pursue. Attracting 39 million visitors to a part of our county that has traffic challenges already, and creating 460 jobs in the hotel and retail sector where wages are currently insufficient to live in this area without government assistance would be hard to justify to the public.

I have said that I like having the Bayhawks here in Anne Arundel County, and I do. But I cannot ask the taxpayers to finance a stadium, and I cannot support high density development of Crownsville Hospital Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stuart Pittman", written over a horizontal line.

Steuart Pittman  
County Executive